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In re application of:

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Request For Examiner Interview

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The United States Patent And Trademark Office ("the Office") Mailed a Notice of Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b) on December 9, 2009. To date (nine months later), Applicants have not received any subsequent communications from the Office. Telephone calls to the Examiner and to his supervisor Examiner Cecilia Tsang in recent weeks have not been returned.

Applicants desire to move the prosecution of this application forward, and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to schedule an in-person interview with him and Examiner Tsang.

The filing of this Request For Examiner Interview does not constitute a "period of time during which the applicant failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution (processing or examination) of the application" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(a). To the contrary, the filing of this Request For Examiner Interview evidences a desire by Applicants to move the prosecution of this application forward.

A prompt reply to this request is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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